

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0023] beginning at page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] The streamwise thermal-gradient CCN chambers described here can generate a well-defined supersaturation to simulate cloud-formation in a controlled environment. The some notable features of these CCN chambers include:

1. Temperature ~~temperature~~ gradient in the streamwise direction generates the supersaturation by exploiting the difference in diffusion between heat and water vapor.
2. Continuous ~~continuous~~ flow allows fast sampling (1 Hz measurements), which is suitable for airborne measurements.
3. Supersaturation ~~supersaturation~~ is nearly constant at the centerline (for a constant and increasing temperature gradient), which maximizes droplet growth.
4. Supersaturation ~~supersaturation~~ is a function of the flow rate, the pressure and the temperature profile inside the chamber, which can be easily controlled and maintained.
5. Simple ~~simple~~ cylindrical geometry reduces size and minimizes buoyancy (or other secondary flow) effects.

The principle of the CCN chambers has been validated by controlled laboratory experiments and independent measurements.